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Partly Cloudy

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Sailor finds joy as community volunteer

by HT1(SW/AW) Sydney Clarkson

Since I joined the Navy, I have had many opportunities to volunteer my time in the local community. Coaching T-Ball, Beach clean-ups, assisting with the NFL Experience when San Diego hosted the Superbowl. They were all worthwhile events, but I have to say that one of the most fulfilling volunteer experiences I have had is with the Rolling Reader Tutoring Program.



Photo by PH3 Quinton Jackson

Starting in September of 2000 the USS John C. Stennis has had several volunteers go to Hilltop Elementary School to assist in the Rolling Reader Program.

You might ask "What is a Rolling Reader?" In order to explain adequately I feel compelled to discuss how the program first started.

In 1991 the late Robert W. Condon began reading to his children aloud every night and almost immediately noted the dramatic positive effects this had had not only on his children's ability to read, but their desire to read.

He recruited several volunteers to "Roll" into under-achieving schools and low-income community centers and Rolling Readers was formed. This volunteer effort spread throughout Southern California and by 1997 became a national phenomenon.

In 1994 the National Education and Assessment report stated that 41% of American fourth graders did not attain the basic grade level of reading. Now schools readily welcome the efforts of the community to come into the school and assist with students having difficulties with their reading skills. A Rolling Reader does just that.

The volunteer comes in for an hour a week and assists children with their reading skills. This one on one attention fosters an atmosphere of trust and improves the student's self-confidence in reading aloud. Just by volunteering an hour a week, you can change a child's life forever.

When I first started in November, the children would read quietly and stop when confronted with a word they could not pronounce. They almost couldn't wait for their time to be up because they were so unsure of themselves. By lending an ear and giving them positive reinforcement and guidance several of the children have now caught up to their peer group and have been graduated off the program.

HT1 Clarkson finds volunteering a worthwhile experience.

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JCS's TOP GUN TAKES FLIGHT



On Saturday, 21 April, 2001, CAPT Gallagher completed initial day carrier qualifications in the F/A-18C Hornet (VFA-125 Rough Raiders). CAPT Gallagher tagged the 3-wire a dozen times, bringing his career total to over 700 traps, the majority achieved in the F-4 Phantom and F-14 Tomcat.



Photos by PHAN Chad Hollida

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SAILOR OF THE DAY

HONOR

April 20, 2001

COMMITMENT



COURAGE

**Name:** ACAN Javier M. Aguilar**Assigned to:** Operations/OC**Hometown:** El Paso, Texas**Reported Aboard:** February 26, 2001**Job Description:** "I work with the Integrated Ships Information System (ISIS) as a Visual Display Board operator (VDB)."**Favorite Movie:** Eight Seconds**Places visited while in the Navy:** Chicago and Florida**Reason for joining Navy:** "For job stability and education."**Most memorable event in career:** "Graduating 'A' school."**Hobbies:** Golf, bowling and horseback riding

No Chipped Paint - All the Horses Jump

by Chaplain Lyman Smith

One of the great dreamers of the twentieth century was Walt Disney. Any person who could create the first sound cartoon, first all-color cartoon, and first animated feature-length motion picture is definitely someone with vision. But Disney's greatest masterpieces of vision were Disneyland and Walt Disney World. And the spark for that vision came from an unexpected place.

Back when Walt's two daughters were young, he used to take them to an amusement park in the Los Angeles area on Saturday mornings. His girls loved it. And he did too. An amusement park is a kid's paradise, with wonderful atmosphere: the smell of popcorn and cotton candy, the gaudy colors of signs advertising rides, and the sound of kids screaming as the roller coaster plummets over a hill.

The carousel especially captivated Walt. As he approached it, he saw a blur of bright images racing around to the tune of energetic calliope music. But when he got closer and the carousel stopped, he could see that his eye had been fooled. He observed shabby horses with cracked and chipped paint. And he noticed that only the horses on the outside row moved up and down. The others stood lifeless, bolted to the floor.

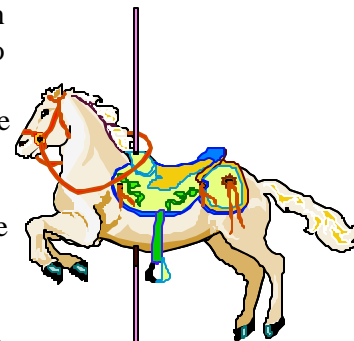
The cartoonist's disappointment inspired him with a

grand vision. In his mind's eye he could see an amusement park where the illusion didn't evaporate. His dream became Disneyland. As Larry Taylor stated in "Be an Orange", Walt's vision could be summarized as, "No chipped paint. All the horses jump." (Adapted from The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader)

From Proverbs: Where there is no vision, the people perish.

All of us are people who need vision to see the potential of the future no matter how chipped the paint may be today. Human beings are unique in being able to look to the future and envision the possibilities it holds. We are also unique in being able to take action that will bring those possibilities to reality.

Each one of us has unique gifts given by God. The Lord wants us to have a better future. But we must open our eyes to see it and then step out in faith to achieve it. Instead of being disappointed by chipped paint and horses that do not jump, look beyond and exercise your gifts to create a better future for your self. And always keep in mind – If you have a vision that doesn't serve others, it's probably too small.



JCS TELEVISION

MONDAY, APRIL 23

KJCS - SITE TV CHANNEL 7

- 0000 Lost In Space
- 0230 My Giant
- 0430 Mr. Nice Guy
- 0600 Evening Reports
- 0610 Bad Moon
- 0900 Mrs. Doubtfire
- 1100 Music Videos
- 1200 East Of Eden
- 1400 Welcome to Planet Earth
- 1530 Iron Will
- 1800 Evening Reports
- 1810 The Postman
- 2130 Tora, Tora, Tora

KMOV - SITE TV CHANNEL 8

- 0000 Titanic (A)
- 0148 Titanic (B)
- 0330 The Replacement Killers
- 0600 Evening Reports
- 0610 Fallen
- 0900 Charlie's Angels
- 1100 Music Videos
- 1200 Indiana Jones and the Temple
- 1400 Desperate Measures
- 1600 Arthur
- 1800 Evening Reports
- 1810 Music Videos
- 1900 Sister Act
- 2100 Men Of Honor
- 2330 Navy/Marine Corps News

Men of Honor on SITE TV CHANNEL 8



**tonight at
2100**

Got game?

Navy Relief is planing to host a 3-on-3 Basketball tournament in the near future. If you want to play, sign up at the S2-M office (2-175-1-A). The cost is \$30.00 per team. Also, take note of the upcoming Spade Tournament, which costs \$20.00 a team. Both events will take place at the same time and location. Contact MS1(SW/AW) Brown at J-7772 or ENS Marroquin at J-6853.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

A Special Birthday Meal will be served on April 24th from 1800 to 1900 on the Aft Messdecks for all E1 thru E6 personnel who have had or will have a birthday during the month of April.



You must reserve your seat so dial the FSO Office: J-6795 to reserve

TODAY!!!

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I can't tell you how rewarding it is to see the children develop their love for reading. With that very important step not only did they learn to read, now they can read to learn.

On April 5 and 6, 2001 the teachers gathered their "Troops" and put on a play, "The Little Engine That Could", and dedicated it to our volunteers to thank us for contributing our time. I have to say that I thank them for the opportunity to be a part of their school and the learning experience. It has truly been an experience I will never forget.

Those wishing to volunteer for the John C. Stennis "Partnership in Excellence" with Hilltop Elementary School can contact LT Hauth at x6840 or hauthd@stennis.navy.mil.